Telephone connections from MPs Quota

881. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Quota of Telephone connections of MPs. has been raised recently;

(b) if so, details thereof, separately, Constituency and Outside Constituency-wise with effective date of such enhancement;

(c) whether the enhancement can be availed during the current calender year;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(e) whether any time limit for installation of connections from such quota is fixed in cases where registration particulars are given at the time of recommendation; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the enhanced quota of MPs per calendar year are as under: Member of Parliament (LS): 25 telephones 10 telephones within their respective constituency and 15 cases anywhere in India.

Member of Parliament (RS): 25 telephones 10 telephones within their respective States and 15 telephones anywhere in India. MPs who are Members of the Consultative Committee and the Standing Committee on Telecommunications are entitled to a further 5 (five) telephone connections which can be operated anywhere in the country. MPs who are Members of both the Committees will however be entitled only to 5 additional Telephone connections.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The enhanced quota for this year has to be availed before 31st December 1993.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir, Instructions already exist to install the telephone sanctioned from M.Ps quota, for whom registration particulars are given at the time of recommendation, within a period of 30 days, subject to technical feasibility.

Non-Issuing of licences for P.C.Os

882. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications pending for issue of licences for P.C.Os. in the metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) whether Government has decided to stop issuing licences for P.C.Os;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it will affect the PCO billing machine manufacturers and thus loss of revenue to Government; and